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Larry Gore Bureau of Land Management 345 East Riverside Drive St. George, Utah 84790

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Quail #45 Project.

S/053/066, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gore:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice for Color Country's, Quail #45 Project, located in Section 33, T42S, R17W, Washington County, Utah, which was received December 18, 2000. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-78928. Review of this notice was postponed due to the fact that the required fee had not been received by the Division. The fee was received on January 2, 2001 and the review process was initiated on that date.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The information provided in the notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. No additional information is required from the operator by the Division at this time.

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. Please forward a copy of the enclosed SMO-NOI Summary, Operation and Reclamation Practices, as taken from Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (form MR-SMO). By accepting this Notice the Division expects the operator to comply with the practices listed on this page. If the operator cannot comply with these practices, then a variance request must be provided to and formally approved by the Division. This request would include the particular practice which the operator cannot comply with and an explanation describing the reasons why they cannot comply. A variance request is not required for the practices which refer to features which are nonexistent at the project site.

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Please provide us with a copy of your final completeness/approval letter to the operator. In addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please <u>reference our designated file number S/053/066</u> when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO-NOI Summary

Preston Hafen, Color Country w/encl

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